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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application identified as follows:

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  X   A Declaration.  
  X   An Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.  
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       A Power of Attorney.  
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Basic Fee		\$370.00 \$740.00	=	\$740.00
Total Claims <u> 26 </u> - 20	= <u>  6  </u> *	\$ 9.00 \$ 18.00	=	\$108.00
Independent Claims <u>  8  </u> - 3	= <u>  5  </u> *	\$ 42.00 \$ 84.00	=	\$420.00
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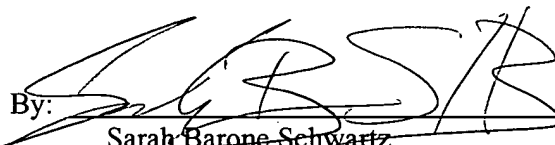
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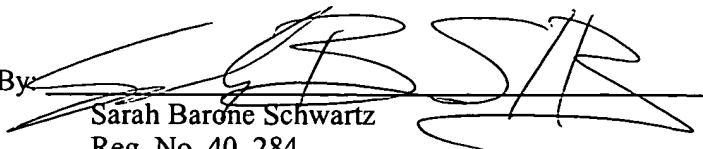
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